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WHEN EVERYTHING GOES DEAD WRONG

"What a splendid contest we had today," said Jones to Brown, as they walked home from a football game.

Brown, who was on the losing side, could see no fun, no interest in it. He was quite downhearted and disgruntled because his side had lost the game.

There are a great many people like Brown. They can't stand up under defeat. Victory is the only thing that makes them pleasant and cheerful, or even tolerable. But victory is not the acid test of character. Anyone can be pleasant and cheerful when things are going his way.

The man who loses his property, his position, or his standing, and his courage, his heart, with it, is a very ordinary sort of man. But the man who stands erect, faces forward, and looks the whole world in the eye without flinching, without a quiver of nerve, without wavering in his cheerful resolution to fight on, when all his property has been swept away from him, when he has lost his standing in the world, even with those he loved, when the very foundations of his life seem to be crumbling beneath his feet—this is no common man.

What you can live through and still smile and fight on is the test of the stuff of which you are made.

On the second day of the great battle of the Marne, up to which time the French had been steadily driven back, General Foch sent to his superior officer, Commander Joffre, this message: "My center gives way; my right recedes. The situation is excellent—I shall attack." The result of this attack was the defeat of the German army, which was turned back from the very gates of Paris. Now, if you can't see in the darkest hour of defeat that "the situation is excellent" for a new attack, as Foch did at the Marne, you are not made of the right stuff.

If, no matter how many times you have been knocked down, you can get up and start again with a smile; if you can smile at your misfortunes; at your humiliating mistakes, at your failures, at your losses; if you can smile at the cruel things fate has done to you, you are greater than fate, for you are your own fate—you are the captain of your soul—you are a GREAT man.

A STORY OF "WHAT IF....."

"What if....." That is a famous way of starting a story of the just-suppose-this-would-happen sort. So let's try one of that kind. To begin with: It is said there will be no great trouble for the United States and Japan to agree to naval limitations at the coming Armament Conference. The rub will be when it comes to Japan's insistence that the United States shall stop threatening her with those Gibraltar-like forts which we are building and have built in the Philippines and Hawaii. The



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United States won't want to dismantle those strongholds.

WHAT IF—what if we just sent a big force of men with crowbars, sledge hammers and TNT to Hawaii and the Philippines and tee-totally destroyed those forts of ours? What if we just simply left both of those dependencies as wide open as we have left our own Canadian border open for over 100 years?

Wouldn't that disarm, soften, pacify Japan so far as we are concerned? Wouldn't it make her as meek to us as our English cousins over in Canada have been for a century?

But WHAT IF, on the other hand, Japan should play the snake in the grass and cowardly attack the unarmed Philippines and Hawaii? In other words, the improbable but not the impossible.

Wouldn't the whole American nation arise in its wrath and pour its wealth, fighting brawn and exhaustless forcefulness into a naval assault so overwhelming that Japan would be surrounded and totally annihilated as a power—annihilated even as a nation? Then our cause would be just before all men and in the sight of God. Our success would be certain and the greatest object lesson for peace and of righteousness that the world has ever witnessed.

TORRANCE NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wise had as guests Sunday Mrs. Kate Hadley, of New York, and Mrs. May Penroy, of Chicago. They were all former friends in Muncie, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. King and Mr. and Mrs. James King, motored to Exposition Park Sunday to see the sunken gardens and the flower show.

Mrs. Alfred Gourdier had word that her brother, J. B. Craighead, of San Francisco, was accidentally shot while out hunting. His hands and face were badly injured with shot, and he may lose the sight of one eye.

A young man employed by the Roi Tan Restaurant was held up on Carson avenue Saturday night and relieved of eleven cents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Benninger of Riverside were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Van Buren of Cotacotum over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. N. Carter of Arlington avenue motored to Saugus Sunday and visited the latter's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Grice.

Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Leake and daughters have gone to Fresno to visit Dr. Leake's parents, and brother's for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Anderson attended the ballgame Sunday at Exposition Park, Los Angeles, between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Mrs. Lillie Barnette and Mrs. Adolph Brodick and mother of Los Angeles were guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Anderson on Saturday.

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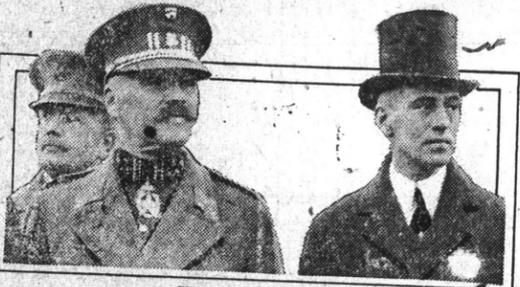


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FROM ITALY

World war heroes from all nations have commenced to arrive in the U. S. for the Disarmament Conference called by President Harding. First to arrive was General Armando Diaz, of Italy, shown here reviewing West Point cadets; next was General Baron Jacques of Belgium, shown arriving in New York and then Admiral Beatty, of the British Navy, with his wife upon arrival in New York.

Next Saturday President Harding's Conference for the Limitation of Armaments will begin its deliberations after the celebration of Armistice Day. No event in the world's history, it is generally agreed, ever has equaled the solemn portent of this conference in its bearing upon the welfare of all the peoples of the two hemispheres.

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